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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows:

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- 1. \setminus (amended) A disc driving apparatus, comprising:
- a housing of a disc drive;
- a rotation mechanism [being received] <u>disposed</u> within said housing [and] for rotating a disc;
- an optical pickup mechanism [being received] disposed within said housing [and] for reproducing or